## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

**Inspector General** 



April 15, 2003

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams Mayor District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20004

## RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of the outcome of an investigation that was commenced by former Special Agent Ralph E. Martin and reassigned to Special Agent William T. Redden, Jr., of this Office, concerning Thomas E. Keehn, Jr., doing business as Certified, Incorporated. Keehn engaged in a criminal scheme whereby he submitted falsified bids to homeowners, within the District of Columbia, who were participating in a program administered by the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) that provided funding to assist with home repair improvements for disadvantaged homeowners living in the District.

On March 26, 2003, Keehn pled guilty in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to one count of violating 18 U.S.C. § 1341. According to the plea agreement, between October 1999 and January 2001, Keehn won eight DHCD home repair projects by sending falsified bids, allegedly from other contractors, to homeowners participating in the project.

Keehn's plea agreement calls for the payment of a \$20,000 fine and \$31,000 restitution to DHCD. In addition, Keehn is facing between 6 to 12 months incarceration, and will be sentenced on June 20, 2003.

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If you need additional information, please contact me or Robert G. Andary, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039.

Sincerely,

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